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June 15, 2010

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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Dear Supervisors:

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

#53 JUNE 15, 2010

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

AWARD OF PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS IN THE CITIES OF LANCASTER AND PALMDALE (SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

This action is to award public works construction contracts and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute contracts for work in the Cities of Lancaster and Palmdale.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40, ANTELOPE VALLEY:

Award and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to prepare the construction contracts in the form previously approved by County Counsel, execute the contracts, and establish the effective dates following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Material bonds and insurance filed by the contractors for the following:

- Project ID No. WWD4004033 - Avenue M and 5th Street East Water Storage Tank No. 4, to construct a water storage tank, in the City of Palmdale, to Crosno Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$1,439,700.
- Project ID No. WWD4004041 - Avenue J and Trevor Pump Station, to construct a pump station facility, in the City of Lancaster, to Bowe Contractors, Inc., in the amount of \$1,100,820.
- Project ID No. WWD4004045 - Drilling and Equipping of Water Well 4-85 (Waterbag), to drill and equip a water well, demolish an existing reservoir, and construct a freeboard well-detention basin, in the City of Lancaster, to Bakersfield Well & Pump, Co., in the amount of \$1,464,009.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to obtain approval from the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors (Board), acting as the governing body of the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley, to award these construction contracts and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute the contracts and establish the effective contract dates following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Materials bonds and insurance filed by contractors for each of these projects.

The enclosures for each project include the project description, the call for bids and bid opening dates, a tabulation of bids, and financial information. The certified record of receipt of bids and the original bid proposals for each project are also enclosed.

The recommended construction contracts are necessary to execute Board directed and approved Department of Public Works (Public Works) projects in support of operational missions. Your Board's approval of the recommended contract awards and the subsequent execution of the contracts will ensure the timely completion of the projects.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). Awarding these contracts will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public and will enhance the quality of life in the affected communities.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

These actions will have no impact to the County General Fund.

The enclosures for each project include the amount of the recommended contract as compared with the engineer's estimate, the other bids received, and more detailed fiscal and financial information.

Sufficient funds for Project ID No. WWD4004033 are included in the Fiscal Year 2009-10 General Fund (N63) and for the project design and construction support costs in the Fiscal Year 2009-10 Accumulative Capital Outlay Fund (N64) of Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley.

Sufficient funds for Project ID No. WWD4004041 are included in the Fiscal Year 2009-10 Accumulative Capital Outlay Fund (N64) of Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley.

Sufficient funds for Project ID No. WWD4004045 are included in the Fiscal Year 2009-10 Accumulative Capital Outlay Fund (N64) of Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The contract agreements will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County

Counsel. The recommended contracts were solicited on an open-competitive basis and are in accordance with applicable Federal, State, and County requirements. The contractors are in compliance with the Chief Executive Officer's and your Board's requirements.

The award of the contracts will not result in unauthorized disclosure of confidential information and will be in full compliance with Federal, State, and County regulations. These contracts contain terms and conditions supporting your Board's ordinances, policies, and programs including, but not limited to: the County of Los Angeles' (County) Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the Los Angeles County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; and Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program Ordinance, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206; and the standard Board-irected clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

The State Public Contract Code requires the County to award construction contracts to a responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid, which is defined as the firm that: (1) submits the bid with the lowest cost; (2) is deemed by the County to be responsive to specific criteria under the solicitation including, but not limited to, licensure, bonding, and insurance requirements; and (3) is determined by the County to be a responsible bidder by exhibiting the capability, capacity, experience, trustworthiness, and financial wherewithal to perform the work required under the bid solicitation.

To ensure the contracts are awarded to responsible contractors with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by each respective contractor was considered before making this recommendation to award.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with Public Works.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Each of these projects was found to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act at the time your Board called for bids. The specifics of these findings are included in the enclosure for each project.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The contracts were solicited on an open-competitive basis in accordance with the provisions of the State Public Contract Code.

The State Labor Code requires contractors to pay prevailing wage rates to all persons employed on

public works construction contracts. These rates are determined by the Department of Industrial Relations and include contributions for fringe benefits such as vacations, pension funds, training, and health plans for each employee.

To further increase contractor awareness of contracting opportunities with Public Works, each of these projects was listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

Public Works will review and approve the Faithful Performance and payment bonds filed by the contractors.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These construction contracts will result in improved public works infrastructure in the communities where the work is scheduled.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER
Director

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Enclosures

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County Counsel
Executive Office
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

AWARD OF CONTRACT
June 15, 2010

PROJECT ID NO. WWD4004033 - AVENUE M AND 5TH STREET EAST WATER STORAGE TANK NO. 4 (City of Palmdale), Supervisorial District 5

TYPE OF WORK: Construction of a water storage tank and the performance of other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: February 16, 2010 (Agenda Item 38)

BID OPENING DATE: March 16, 2010

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Crosno Construction, Inc., a corporation 819 Sheridan Road Arroyo Grande, California 93420 (805) 343-7437	\$1,453,200.00
2	Pacific Tank & Construction, Inc.	\$1,557,390.00
3	CB&I, Inc.	\$1,606,581.00
4	Paso Robles Tank, Inc.	\$1,724,500.00
5	Spiess Construction Co., Inc.	\$1,773,530.00
6	*HPS Mechanical, Inc.	\$2,664,870.00

*MWBE

The bid amount includes a stipulated amount of \$13,500 as compensation to provide a baseline construction schedule and a site-specific health and safety plan under a separate Consultant Services Agreement that was previously authorized by your Board on February 16, 2010, Agenda Item 38.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of contract estimate	\$2,903,140.00
Amount of stipulated price for Consultant Services Agreement	\$ 13,500.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$1,439,700.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$1,463,440.00

The amount of recommended contract is 50 percent below the estimate.

Sufficient funds for the cost of this project are included in the Fiscal Year 2009-10 General Fund (N63) and for the project design and construction support costs in the Fiscal Year 2009-10 Accumulative Capital Outlay Fund (N64) of Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Crosno Construction Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On January 13, 1987, Agenda Item 43, your Board approved the Negative Declaration for this project.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 180 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in October 2010 and be completed in July 2011.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
June 15, 2010

PROJECT ID NO. WWD4004041 - AVENUE J AND TREVOR PUMP STATION (in the City of Lancaster), Supervisorial District 5

TYPE OF WORK: Construction of a pump station facility and the performance of other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: December 15, 2009 (Agenda Item 63)

BID OPENING DATE: February 18, 2009

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Bowe Contractors, Inc., a corporation 42424 North 4th Street East Lancaster, California 93535 (661) 940-0899	\$1,117,320.00
2	Cora Constructors, Inc.	\$1,195,546.00
3	SoCal Pacific Construction Corp.	\$1,229,823.00
4	Environmental Construction, Inc.	\$1,245,563.00
5	Pacific Hydrotech Corporation	\$1,258,118.00
6	Pascal & Ludwig Constructors	\$1,607,842.00
7	*4-Con Engineering, Inc.	\$1,697,590.00

*MWBE

Spiess Construction Company, Inc., submitted a bid in the amount of \$1,489,372; however, their bid bond was not fully executed. Therefore, their bid was considered nonresponsive and rejected as provided in the Instructions to Bidders.

Metro Builders & Engineering Group, Ltd., submitted a bid in the amount of \$1,691,329; however, they did not use the amended Schedule of Prices that was sent with Addendum No. 3. Therefore, their bid was considered nonresponsive and rejected as provided in the Instructions to Bidders.

The bid amount includes a stipulated amount of \$16,500 as compensation to provide a baseline construction schedule and environmental plans under a separate Consultant Services Agreement that was previously authorized by your Board on December 15, 2009, Agenda Item 63.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of contract estimate	\$2,002,765.00
Amount of stipulated price for Consultant Services Agreement	\$ 16,500.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$1,100,820.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 901,945.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 45 percent below the estimate.

Sufficient funds for this project are included in the Fiscal Year 2009-10 Accumulative Capital Outlay Fund of Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Bowe Contractors, Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On December 15, 2009, Agenda Item 63, your Board found this project categorically exempt.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be in 150 working days. It is estimated the work will start in September 2010 and be completed in April 2011.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
June 15, 2010

PROJECT ID NO. WWD4004045 - DRILLING AND EQUIPPING OF WATER WELL 4-85 (WATERBAG) (City of Lancaster), Supervisorial District 5

TYPE OF WORK: Drilling and equipping Water Well 4-85, demolition of an existing reservoir, construction of a freeboard well-detention basin, and the performance of other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: March 2, 2010 (Agenda Item 34)

BID OPENING DATE: March 30, 2010

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Zim Industries, Inc., a corporation dba Bakersfield Well & Pump Co. 7212 Fruitvale Avenue Bakersfield, California 93308 (661) 393-9661	\$1,490,509.00
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The bid amount includes a stipulated amount of \$26,500 as compensation to provide a baseline schedule and environmental plan under a separate Consultant Services Agreement that was previously authorized by your Board on March 2, 2010, Agenda Item 34.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$ 1,494,391.10
Amount of stipulated price for Consultant Services Agreement	\$ 26,500.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$ 1,464,009.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 30,382.10

The amount of the recommended contract is 2 percent below the estimate.

Sufficient funds for the project's construction costs are included in the Fiscal Year 2009-10 General Fund (N63) and the project's design and construction support costs are included in the Fiscal Year 2009-10, Accumulative Capital Outlay Fund (N64) of Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Bakersfield Well & Pump, Co., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On March 2, 2010, Agenda Item 34, your Board found this project categorically exempt.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 200 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in October 2010 and be completed in August 2011.

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